

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## High Water Closures of Corps Recreation Areas at Ouachita, DeGray and Greeson Lakes

**VICKSBURG, Miss.** – High water conditions on the Ouachita, Caddo and Little Missouri rivers will impact recreational opportunities at Lake Ouachita, DeGray Lake and Lake Greeson during Memorial Day weekend.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regrets any inconvenience this may cause those who planned on using Corps recreational facilities during the long weekend. The Corps is continuing operations to minimize flooding conditions in local and downstream communities.

Below is a current listing of the status of campgrounds, boat ramps, beaches, and other recreational areas at the affected lakes. Please heed all local and state agency closures during this high water period, and adhere to safety regulations to ensure a safe and fun filled holiday.

#### **LAKE OUACHITA:**

- Brady Mountain Recreation Area: 8 of 74 campsites CLOSED
- Campground Beach and parking lot CLOSED
- Both boat ramps CLOSED (Corps of Engineers and Arkansas Game & Fish Commission)
- Day Use Swimming Beach CLOSED
- Brady Mountain Pavilion OPEN
- Crystal Springs Recreation Area: Overflow camping area OPEN; Day Use Area CLOSED; 52 of 74 campsites CLOSED
- Joplin Recreation Area: Boat ramp in front of the Lodge CLOSED; 50 of 64 campsites CLOSED
- Tompkins Bend Recreation Area: Campsites 1-16 and 31-58 OPEN; Campsites 17-30 and 59-77 CLOSED; (31 of 77 campsites CLOSED)
- Denby Point Recreation Area: Campground and Boat Ramp OPEN; Campground Beach CLOSED
- Twin Creek Recreation Area: CLOSED
- Little Fir Recreation Area: Campground CLOSED
- Highway 27 Recreation Area: CLOSED
- Lena Landing Recreation Area: CLOSED
- Buckville Boat Ramp: CLOSED
- Cedar Fourche Recreation Area: Portions of the area CLOSED
- Lake Ouachita State Park: Campgrounds A, C and D OPEN; Both Boat Ramps OPEN; Cabins OPEN; Marina CLOSED
- Following Boat Ramps OPEN: Spillway, Crystal, Mountain Harbor East Marina Basin, Tompkins Bend, Denby Point, and Little Fir

#### **DEGRAY LAKE:**

- Alpine Ridge: 21 of 49 campsites CLOSED
   Shouse Ford: 32 of 100 campsites CLOSED
   Caddo Drive: 12 of 72 campsites CLOSED
   Arlie Moore: 9 of 87 campsites CLOSED
   Point Cedar: 12 of 62 campsites CLOSED
- Edgewood and Iron Mountain: ALL campsites OPEN
- Caddo Drive and Arlie Moore Day Use Boat Ramps CLOSED
- Highway 7 Day Use Area CLOSED

#### **LAKE GREESON:**

- Self Creek/Jim Wylie: 27 of 72 campsites CLOSED; Beach and Boat Ramp CLOSED
- Kirby Landing: 17 of 104 campsites CLOSED; Beach and Boat Ramp CLOSED
- Dam Area: ALL 24 campsites OPEN; Beach CLOSED; Boat Ramp OPEN
- Cowhide Cove: 24 of 50 campsites CLOSED; Beach CLOSED; Boat Ramp OPEN
- Parker Creek: 23 of 57 campsites CLOSED; Beach CLOSED; Boat Ramp CLOSED
- Arrowhead Point: 16 of 23 campsites CLOSED; Beach CLOSED; Boat Ramp CLOSED

For more information on recreational opportunities at Corps of Engineers lakes, please visit http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm.

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